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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Applicant's Amendment filed on 5-5-2009 and the Examiner's Amendment of 6-15-2009.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27,31-35 and 39.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 6-12-09.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other ____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Craig W. Schmoyer on 6-12-2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, lines 13-16, replace

“ defining a selection string based upon a selected contiguous arrangement of at least one object of said plurality of objects; and

transferring said selection string to a location within said electronic document as determined by said second location of said second cursor.”

with

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defining a selection string, via the first cursor, based upon a selected contiguous arrangement of at least one object of said plurality of objects;

transferring said selection string to a location within said electronic document as determined by said second location of said second cursor; and

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wherein the first and second sensor are of different types located in different regions of the user interface device.

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In claim 31, lines 14-17, replace

“ defining a selection string based upon a selected contiguous arrangement of at least one object of said plurality of objects; and

transferring said selection string to a location within said electronic document as determined by said second location of said second cursor.”

with

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defining a selection string, via the first cursor, based upon a selected contiguous arrangement of at least one object of said plurality of objects;

transferring said selection string to a location within said electronic document as determined by said second location of said second cursor; and

wherein the first and second sensor are of different types located in different regions of the user interface device.

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In claim 39, lines 13-16, replace

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“ defining a selection string based upon a selected contiguous arrangement of at least one object of said plurality of objects; wherein said selection string is capable of being transferred to a location within said electronic document as determined by said second location of said second cursor.”

with

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defining a selection string, via the first cursor, based upon a selected contiguous arrangement of at least one object of said plurality of objects; wherein said selection string is capable of being transferred to a location within said electronic document as determined by said second location of said second cursor; and

wherein the first and second sensor are of different types located in different regions of the user interface device.

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Applicant has asked that claims 28-30 and 36-38 be cancelled without prejudice.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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2. The examiner considered the Applicant's Amendment filed on 5-5-2009 and the Examiner's Amendment of 6-15-2009 and after updated search, no other prior art of record has taught that which was presented in the amended claims

3. Therefore, claims 1-27, 31-35, and 39 are allowable.

4. Independent claims 1, 31, and 39, when considered as a whole, are allowable over the prior art of record (Baudel, Barber, and Meriaz). Baudel teaches, in column 5, lines 40-65, a method for editing a electronic document where objects are manipulated via a primary cursor [402], controlled by a primary pointer device [114], and a secondary cursor [410], controlled by a secondary pointer device [116], where the cursors are independently displayable and independently positionable. Baudel teaches, in column 8, lines 1-12, making a context selection with their non-dominant hand (secondary cursor). Baudel teaches, in column 8, lines 1-12, transferring (pasting) the object to a new location defined by the position of the dominant hand (primary cursor). Baudel teach, a system to allowing two different cursors to be moved independently upon a user interface (see column 5, lines 40-58), and is further supplemented by Barber who further teaches a system where multiple cursors are available for a user to control the display, where the system optional has multiple control devices to control the cursor independently (see column 2, line 61 through column 3, line 30 and column 14, lines 1-5), and further teaches a system in which multiple cursor can optionally be controlled by the same control device (see column 11, line 55 through column 12, line 4).

However, specifically the prior art of record fails to clearly teach or support the limitations of *selecting a string in an electronic document via a first cursor controlled by*

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a first sensor input device, and transferring the selected string to a location of a second cursor independently displayed at a location according to positioning by a second sensor input device, where the first and second sensor input devices are of different types and located at different regions of a common input device housing. Where the sensors are defined in the specification to refer to "devices such as trackballs, touchpads, mouse devices, scroll-wheels, joysticks, and other such devices" (see page 3, lines 6-8).

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS G. BONSHOCK whose telephone number is (571)272-4047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kieu Vu can be reached on (571) 272-4057. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Dennis G. Bonshock/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2173
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